

San Marino, Huntington Library, HM 35300

Description: ff. i (contemporary parchment) + 170 - Bound, s. XV, in whittawed leather over bevelled wooden boards; 2 fore edge brass clasps catching on the back cover, the straps restored; remains of 2 paper labels on the spine, the upper one illegible, the lower "K." On the back cover, a label under horn: "V. Beda de gestis Anglorum. Idem super actus apostolorum et epistolas canonicas. 2^o fo. et prassini" as is common on books from Syon Abbey. Some modern restoration. - Written in England, pt. I in the middle of the fifteenth century and pt. II at the end of the thirteenth. Belonged to Robert Elyot, fellow of All Souls College and vice-provost of Eton until his death in 1499. His characteristic profile face brackets and pointing hands occur mainly in pt. II, e.g., on ff. 121v, 124v, 125 (the hands) and on ff. 150, 155v, 164v (the face); these are in the same orange-tinged red ink as some of the underscoring and marginal notes; the faces, hands, underscoring and notes, including arts. 1 and 4, also occur in black ink (e.g. ff. 134v-135); N. R. Ker, "Robert Elyot's Books and Annotations," *The Library* ser. 5 vol. 30 (1975) 233-37 with plates. Given by him to the Bridgettine abbey of Syon at Isleworth, Middlesex, as attested by the note on f. i verso: "Liber domus Sancti Salvatoris de Syon ex dono magistri Roberti Elyot Anno domini 1490. Orate pro Anima eius." Identified as K.59 in the early sixteenth century catalogue of that abbey printed by M. Bateson, *Catalogue of the Library of Syon Monastery, Isleworth* (Cambridge 1898) 87; see Ker, MLGB, 185, and Emden, BRUO, 638. Belonged to Augustine Styward, who wrote his name on f. 1; given by him to the library of the church of St. James in Bury St. Edmunds in the year of its foundation, 1595; on f. i verso, "Augustinus Stywarde dono debet Bibliothecae in Ecclesia D. Jacobi infra villam de Buria S. Edmundi Anno Domini 1595 Augusti 29 et Aetatis sue tricesimo sexto." Styward also owned Oxford, Bod. Lib., Bodley 130 (SC 27609), a herbarium from Bury. Regarding the Styward family, see W. Rye, *Genealogist* n.s. 1 (1884) 150-57 and 2 (1885) 34-42. On f. 1, s. XIX, "St. James' Library in Bury St. Eds."; on the front pastedown a small round label, "Church Congress Exhibition, 111."; the same label on New Haven, Yale University, Beinecke Library, MSS 287 and 417. Sold by St. James, Sotheby's, 12 July 1971, lot 36 with facsimile of the Syon inscription on f. i verso and with a plate of the back cover. - C. W. Dutschke with the assistance of R. H. Rouse et al., *Guide to Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Huntington Library* (San Marino, 1989). Schenkl 4959. *Chronica*, 7.

Number of Parts: 2 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

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Language: Latin *Country:* England *Century:* 13th 15th

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Part 1: ff. 1-110v

Description: - Parchment - 187 x 261 mm - 1-13⁸ 14⁸(-7, 8). Catchwords in the innermost corner, sometimes enclosed by a scroll (ff. 32v, 40v); quires and leaves signed in letters and roman numerals. Ruled space, 182 x 125 mm; 2 columns of 32-40 lines, ruled in ink, usually frame only; pricking occasionally visible in the upper and outer margins.

Country: England *Cardinal point:*

Region: *City:*

Assigned Date: s. xv^{med} *Searchable Date Range:* 1440 - 1460

Dated by scribe: No *Inscribed Date:*

Document: No *Number of Scribes:* ;2, the second somewhat inconsistent: i, ff. 1-8, 47va line 23-109v (except for the last 2 lines); ii, ff. 9-47va line 23

Script: Anglicana formata

Other Decoration: 5- to 3-line parted red and blue initials; full red and blue cascade border and red flourishing on f. 1; bracket borders in the same style for beginnings of other books (omitted for Book 4). 2-line blue initials with red flourishing; 1-line initials alternating red and blue in the chapter lists. Running headlines and chapter numbers added by a contemporary hand.

Notes: Latin

Number of Texts: 4

Text 1: f. i verso

Title: Biographical note on Bede

Language(s): Latin

Notes: Written in the hand of Robert Elyot, who owned the book until his death in 1499; see provenance.

Text 2: ff. 1-109v

Author: Bede

Title: Historia ecclesiastica

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Britannia oceani insula quondam albion nomen fuit

Explicit: et parere semper ante faciem tuam.

Notes: On f. 1r-v, preface; on f. 2r-v, chapter list of Book 1; on f. 2v, beginning of text; at the end of the text, the last paragraph of the preface. B. Colgrave and R. A. B. Mynors, eds., *Bede's Ecclesiastical History of the English People* (Oxford 1969); on p. lviii this manuscript is described among those containing "the common text of southern England in the later Middle Ages." See also M. L. W. Laistner, *A Hand-list of Bede Manuscripts* (Ithaca 1943) 95. Caedmon's hymn in Old English in the outer margin of f. 82 in the hand of the scribe.

Text 3: f. 109v

Title: Verses on Bede

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Suscipe nostrorum rex historiam populorum/ Quam lege scribe proba cunctos hanc nosse labora/ Scribens in sceda sedet hic sua dogmata Beda/ Ex anglis natus doctissimus atque probatus/ Nam Scripturarum tractando profunda sacrarum/ Mundum doctrinis ceu sol perlustrat opimis.

Explicit: Scriptor, Nunc pater o Beda tibi supplico tu michi te da/ Hostis ne preda sim per mea crimina feda. Sancte pater Beda temptantis deprime feda/ Ne sibi sim preda protectoris michi te da.

Notes: The first 6 verses, in a different order, also occur in Oxford, Magdalen College, MS lat. 105. The last 2 verses are in another hand.

Text 4: f. 110; f. 110v blank

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Exstitit hic Beda doctor venerabilis idem

Notes: Seven couplets using the name "Beda" in the different grammatical cases, labelled in the margin "in nominativo casu" (twice), "in genitivo," etc.; also in the margin, "Isti versus extracti erant de quadam parva rotula doctoris gaskun," apparently in reference to Thomas Gascoigne (d. 1458), followed by the verse, Iaru non Iarum sancto Bede dedit ortum. All is in the hand of Robert Elyot (see provenance).

Part 2: ff. 111-170v

Description: - Parchment - 187 x 261 mm - 1²⁰ 2²⁰ 3²⁰; note, however, that all the leaves appear to be singletons, stitched together and reinforced by a parchment strip wrapped around each gathering. Quires 1 and 2 signed in arabic numerals on the last leaf verso. Ruled space, 186 x 138 mm; 2 columns of 40-45 lines written above the top line; ruled in brown crayon and in lead; pricking often visible in the lower and outer margin.

Country: England

Cardinal point:

Region:

City:

Assigned Date: s. XIII^{ex}

Searchable Date Range: 1285 - 1299

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes: ;

Script: Anglicana

Other Decoration: 5- to 2-line blue initials with red flourishing, different from those in pt. I. The rubrics and some underscoring in the same red as the flourishing. Instructions to the rubricator in crayon. In the upper margin of f. 111 in the hand of the scribe, "Sancti spiritus assit nobis gratia."

Notes: Latin

Number of Texts: 5

Text 1: ff. 111-130

Author: Bede

Title: Expositio Actuum Apostolorum

Title: Incipit expositio in Actus Apostolorum, Primum quidem sermonem

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: De omnibus se dicit christi factis et dictis se scripsisse

Explicit: cursum consumavi fidem servavi. Amen.

Notes: The text is preceded by Bede's preface, " Incipit prefacio Bede presbiteri in Actus Apostolorum missa Acce episcopo, Domino in christo desiderantissimo et vere beatissimo acce episcopo beda perpetuam in domino salutem. Accepi creberimas beatitudinis tue litteras . . ." M. L. W. Laistner, ed., Bedae Venerabilis Expositio Actuum Apostolorum et Retractatio. Mediaeval Academy of America Publ. 35 (Cambridge, Mass. 1939) 3-90; this manuscript listed on p. xxxvi, n. 15. See also Laistner, Hand-list , 21

Text 2: ff. 130-131v

Title: Descriptio situs terre a Beato Beda provinciarum civitatum insularum huic libro congruendum [sic] Place names in Bede

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Acheldemach est ager sangwinis qui usque monstratur in bely

Explicit: quod in eo populus stans desuper atque spectans ludos scenicos contempleretur. Explicit expositio bede presbiteri in Actus Apostolorum.

Notes: Laistner, "Nomina regionum atque locorum de Actibus Apostolorum" in Expositio . . . , 149-58.

Text 3: ff. 131v-170

Author: Bede

Title: In epistolas VII catholicas

Title: Incipit in epistola Iacobi Apostoli Expositio venerabilis Bede presbiteri, Iacobus dei et domini nostri ihesu christi servus duodecim tribubus que sunt in dispersione salutem

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Dixit de hoc Iacobo apostolus paulus

Explicit: Et hoc non ab inicio temporis alicuius sed ante omne seculum et nunc et in omnia secula seculorum. Amen. Amen. Explicit expositio venerabilis bede in epistola iude apostoli.

Notes: PL 93:9-130. Laistner, Hand-list, 31.

Text 4: f. 170

Title: Quaestio

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Queritur utrum virgo maria in conceptione filii sui spiritu sancto in aliquo cooperata fueret

Explicit: ipsa sola a deo sicud mulier viro commixta unde tota substantia christi filii de matre sua.

Notes: Added in a cursive script.

Text 5: f. 170; f. 170v blank

Author: Hugh of St. Victor

Title: De arca Noe morali

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Inter amorem huius mundi et amorem dei hoc distare

Explicit: bibatur suavissimum poculum caritatis.

Notes: PL 176:0619A-B. Added in a cursive script. On f. 170v, erased pen trials, including "Edwardus dei gratia Rex Anglie dux ybernie; domine labia mea; Pater noster."